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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, US
SUBJECT: CCD: EXPERT ON MDW FOR MARCH 14 MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY. IN WESTERN GROUP MEETING FEB 21, QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND EXPERTS TO MDW MEETINGS, COMMENCING MARCH 14, WAS DISCUSSED. SOME BENEFITS WERE SEEN IN FURTHER PRESSING USSR TO DEMONSTRATE DEFICIENCIES OF THEIR PROPOSAL. ONLY UK PRESENTLY WILL SEND EXPERT ALTHOUGH CANADA PREPARED DO SO. FRG AND DUTCH ATTITUDE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT US DOES. USDEL REQUESTS EARLY ADVICE WHETHER WE WILL PROVIDE AN EXPERT, AND WHAT KIND. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LENGTHY MEETING FEB 21 OF WESTERN DEL REPS (REPORTED SEPTTEL) QUESTION WHETHER "EXEPRTS" SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON MASS DESTRUBTION
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WEAPONS (MDW), WHICH ARE TENTATIVELY AGREED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14, WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH. UK REP ALLEN NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, HAVING ALREADY PROVIDED AN EXPERT FOR LAST SUMMER'S CCD MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT, COULD NOT AVOID SENDING ANOTHER EXPERT, ALTHOUGH HMG WAS PRESENTLY UNCERTAIN WHAT KIND OF SO-CCALLED EXPERT SHOULD BE PROVIDED. US REP STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH US HAD

AGREED WITH SOVIETS FOR UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON MDW IN MARCH 14-18 PERIOD, HE HAD MADE CLEAR THERE WAS NO COMMITMENT BY USG TO SEND AN EXPERT, AND THIS QUESTION WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON.

3. FRG AMB WHO INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING SPENDING EXPERT,, AND NETHERLANDS AMB, WHO DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THE HAGUE WAS READY TO DO SO, BOTH SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS DID NOT WISH REACH FINAL CONCLUSIONS UNTIL THEY UNDERSTOOD WHETHER US WOULD OR WOULD NOT SEND AN EXPERT. THEY THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME BENEFITS IN HAVING COMPETENT EXPERTS, KNOWLEDGEABLE BOTH IN WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND IN ITS RELATION TO ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, QUESTION USSR SEARCHINGLY, SINCE THIS APPROACH HAD LAST SUMMER INDICATED BOTH PROPAGANDA ASPECTS OF SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL AND LACK OF AN ADEQUATE INTELLECTUALLY-SOLID BASE FOR IT. USREP AGREED HE WOULD ADVISE OTHER MEMBERS OF WESTERN GROUP AS SOON AS WASHINGTON CONCLUDED WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND AN EXPERT TO MDW SESSIONS. (SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING, CANADIAN AMB SAID OTTAWA PREPARED SEND EXPERT, BUT AWAITED CANADIAN DEL'S VIEWS IN LIGHT OTHERS' REACTIONS.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: USDEL BELIEVES WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ISSUE OF SENDING QUALIFIED US "EXPERT", WITH BACKGROUND CAPABILITIES WHICH GERMAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS WERE DESCRIBING AS DESIDERATA, FOR PRECISELY REASONS SUGGESTED ABOVE. IN ANY EVZNT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS EARLY AS FEASIBLE WHETHER OR NOT US WILL SEND AN EXPERT TO MDW MEETINGS, CONFIDENTIAL

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SO THAT WESTERN GROUP MAY BE ADVISED FOR REASONS SPECIFIED ABOVE. CATTO

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